

Alexandria Gazette.

MONDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19.

LOCAL NEWS.

For this section warmer, fair weather, light to fresh easterly winds, followed by rain.

DEATHS.—Mr. David G. Watkins, well and favorably known in this community and through the surrounding country, died at his home, "Strawberry Hill," in Fairfax county, near this city last night, of an affection of the kidneys, having been confined to his bed for about ten days. Mr. Watkins was in the 76th year of his age, was for a number of years, in early life a butcher, but subsequently went into the milling business with his brother, Mr. J. H. Watkins, (who has been dangerously ill for sometime) and continued in that business up to the time of his death. He was a prominent member of the Commercial Exchange and the genial "Uncle Davy," as he was called by the merchants, will be missed and his death severely regretted by all who knew him. His funeral will take place from his late residence to-morrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. Michael Smith, an old and well known resident of this city, died at his home in the northwestern part of the city on Saturday evening last, after a long illness, aged about 65 years. Mr. Smith was born in Ireland, but came to this city when a young man. He was a member of the Catholic Beneficial Society and of the Society of Vincent de Paul, of both of which he was treasurer. He was a good citizen and by close attention to his business had accumulated a comfortable fortune. His funeral will take place from St. Mary's Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. J. W. Henshaw, a well-known tailor of this city, died at his home on south Lee street yesterday morning. Mr. H. had been in bad health for sometime past and had recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Catharine I. Mullin, a resident of this city, died suddenly in Washington yesterday morning while on a visit to her daughter. The remains will be brought to this city and interred from Trinity Church to-morrow. Mrs. Mullin was the widow of the late John Mullin and had many friends in this city, who will regret to learn of her sudden death.

POLICE REPORT.—Last night was clear and cool until about 12 o'clock, when it became cloudy. There were twelve lodgers and one prisoner at the station house.

Alderman Strauss presided at the Mayor's office this morning and disposed of the following cases:

George Petty, arrested by officer McCuen charged with disorderly conduct, was discharged.

Taylor Finch, arrested by officers Price and Henry for being drunk and disorderly, was fined \$1.

Major Range, colored, arrested by officer Brenner, charged with casting kitchen offal in the street, was fined \$1.

A saloon keeper, charged with selling liquor on Sunday, had his case continued.

The Mayor has ordered the blowing of horns to be stopped until Friday afternoon.

THE RICHMOND AND DANVILLE OFFICES. Mr. E. A. Barber, comptroller of the Richmond and Danville Terminal system, has removed his office from Washington to Richmond. The State says: "He received his order about a week ago and proceeded at once to pack up. His clerical force came with him—Messrs. John Craig, M. C. Figg, R. W. Wirt and E. H. Kemper. Assistant-Treasurer Hall will remove from Washington to Richmond next Wednesday. The other officers will come back to Richmond, it is positively stated by members of the Board, very soon. General Manager Thomas was notified of the decision of the Executive Committee when he was in Richmond last Wednesday."

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.—Mayor Smoot, Chairman of the Mt. Vernon Avenue Association, to day announced the committee to petition the legislature to grant a charter for that association. The committee is as follows: E. W. Fox, Jeff Chandler, C. E. Smart, M. B. Harlow, Park Agnew, F. A. Reed and J. B. Smoot. This committee will leave here for Richmond to-morrow, and will at once lay the matter before the legislature. Messrs. J. R. Revis, Jeff Chandler, Park Agnew and F. A. Reed will leave here to-morrow for Richmond to appear before the legislative committee on roads in relation to having the charter of the Mineral Railway amended.

DON'T MIND THE RUDDER.—At the last meeting of the City Council a resolution was adopted instructing the representatives from this city in the legislature to oppose the passage of the bill, lately introduced in the State Senate, to increase the salary of the Judge of the Corporation Court of this city and a vote of thanks was given by some of the members of the Common Council to the Alexandria delegate for refusing to introduce the bill in the House of Delegates. On Saturday this same delegate introduced the bill in the house to increase the salary of the judge from \$1,400 to \$2,000.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.—A change in the movement of trains of the Alexandria and Washington Railway went into effect yesterday. Local trains will leave Washington at 6:00, 6:35, 8:40, 9:47, 10:57 a. m., 12:04, 2:05, 4:45, 5:00, 6:01, 6:30, 8:05, 10:05, and 11:37 p. m., week days, and 6:00, 9:47, 10:57 a. m., 2:30, 6:30, 8:05, and 10:05 p. m., on Sunday. Returning leave Alexandria at 6:05, 7:05, 8:00, 9:10, 10:15, 11:07 a. m., 1:30, 3:00, 3:23, 5:10, 7:05, 9:32, 10:42, and 11:19 p. m., week days, and 9:10, 11:07 a. m., 2:00, 5:10, 7:05, 9:32, and 10:42 p. m., on Sundays.

THE OPERA HOUSE.—We are pleased to announce the reappearance of the talented little actress, Miss Jennie Caley, and her well remembered company of comedians at the Opera House, next Wednesday and Thursday. The new play, "An American Princess," will be produced with its wealth of funny scenes and specialties. Miss Caley has made a decided hit in the character of the Princess and the new songs, new dances and catching music are sure to please everybody attending the performance.

CHRISTMAS TIDE.—Christmas is a season of rejoicing. It is a season of giving and receiving presents. There are a thousand and one things that one may find for a Christmas gift by investigating the contents of the enterprising merchants whose advertisements are published in the GAZETTE. Spend your money with the home merchants; that is the way to encourage home energy and home enterprise.

DIVORCE GRANTED.—Charles J. Nightingill, through his attorney, Mr. Julian W. Holt, was granted a divorce a vinculo matrimonii from his wife, Virginia Nightingill, at the December term of the Corporation Court.

FOR A USEFUL PRESENT a nice clock for your wife or child would be very acceptable, and no one keeps a better stock at more reasonable prices than our former townsmen, CHAS. BAUM, of 416 Seventh street, Washington, who has an immense establishment and at present is making a great display of Holiday Goods. Pay him a visit.

PERSONAL.—Bishop A. M. Randolph, assistant bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, preached yesterday morning and evening at Emanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, in Baltimore, of which he was rector before his election to the episcopate.

Mrs. John B. Smoot and Miss Florence Woolford, who have been visiting friends in Philadelphia for the past two weeks, have returned home.

Rev. Dr. Leonard, of St. John's Episcopal church, Washington, will lecture in the chapel of St. Paul's church on Tuesday, the 10th of January, for the benefit of Meade Chapel, colored.

Mr. Jas. W. Nalls, who has been seriously ill for some time past, was considered better to-day.

Mayor Smoot, who has been confined to his home for the past few days with a severe cold, was better to-day.

The Misses Parrott have gone to Orange, N. J., to spend the holidays with their brother, Mr. J. H. Parrott.

EXCEPTIONS OVERRULED.—It will be remembered that Commissioner Armstrong filed his report lately in the Circuit Court of Richmond in the case of Lewis vs. the Washington and Ohio R. Co., fixing the amount to be paid by the present owners in order to redeem the Clarke County bonds held by the Commissioners at about \$57,000. The purchasers excepted to this report claiming that they could redeem such of the bonds as they wished to, and allow the residue to be sold, thus saving them some \$25,000. The case was argued December 8th, Saturday. Judge Welford entered a decree overruling the exceptions and confirming the report in all things, and allowing the purchasers a thirty days grace to redeem the bonds. A dividend to the holders of W. & O. bonds may be looked for in January.

THE WINTER SOLSTICE.—The sun grazes the tropic of Capricorn on the 21st, and the astronomical winter commences. The event is known as the winter solstice, and the days are now the shortest of the year. It is the season when ice and snow reign over the northern temperate zone, and the sun looks with slanting beams upon a belt of earth where cold and desolation hold sway. He seems to stand still in his course, and then turns his face towards us and offers the first minute of additional daylight as a guarantee of joys that follow in the train of his progress northward.

FIRE ALARM.—An alarm of fire was sounded between two and three o'clock yesterday evening, caused by smoke being seen issuing from McBurney's building, on the corner of King and Washington streets. There was no fire, however, the smoke coming from a defective flue. The fire department was quickly on the ground and some of the members of the two steam companies began throwing water on each other when a fight between a member of each ensued. The men were soon separated and neither was much hurt.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The sound of the Christmas horn is heard in the land.

A number of young gentlemen of this city will give a hop at McBurney's Hall on the 28th.

The remains of Mrs. Joseph Thornton, who died on Friday last, were brought here this morning and interred from St. Paul's Church.

The many who fell over the pile of coal on the south side of Prince street, near St. Asaph, will be glad to learn that it has been removed.

Rev. J. I. Varca, lately called to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church of this city, will be installed as such on Wednesday evening next.

The longboat George & Martha, belonging to Mr. Simon Denty, was caught in a gale off Chesboro on Saturday and lost her cargo. The longboat Shay was also dismasted during a gale yesterday.

The store and dwelling of Mr. G. A. Rodgers, at Dranesville, Fairfax county, were entirely destroyed by fire Saturday night, the family barely escaping in their night clothes. The loss, which is partially covered by insurance, is estimated at \$3,000. The Superintendent of Public Schools requests us to say that he will hold an examination for white teachers at the Peabody building on Tuesday, the 27th inst., commencing at 9 o'clock a. m. There are no vacancies, and the examination is held solely because the school board has elected a young lady a substitute who has not yet been examined, and the law forbids private examinations when the candidates can attend public ones.

Leave having been granted him, Mr. George Brown to-day captured the fox that for some time past has made his home in Treasurer Harlow's cellar. The fox fought desperately.

The work of putting in the new float at the Wolfe street ferry slip has been completed and the transfer of cars resumed.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.—A called meeting of the Commercial Exchange was held this morning, Mr. J. C. Milburn in the chair and Mr. C. S. Taylor, secretary. The chair announced the death of Mr. D. G. Watkins and stated that the meeting was called so that the members might take suitable action in respect to his memory. After eulogistic remarks upon the life and character of the deceased had been made by Capt. P. B. Hooe and Mr. J. J. Jamieson, a committee consisting of Messrs. P. B. Hooe, J. J. Jamieson and J. W. Carr were appointed to draft suitable resolutions and presented the following, which were unanimously adopted, viz:

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wisdom to remove from our midst our venerable friend and associate, the late David G. Watkins, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Watkins the Commercial Exchange, of Alexandria, Va., has lost a valuable member, and each member of the Exchange has been deprived of the companionship of a genial, warm-hearted friend, and the community a merchant of sterling worth and integrity.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased our sincere sympathy, and the Secretary is directed to furnish them a copy of these resolutions.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral of our deceased brother in a body.

Woman and Her Diseases

is the title of a large illustrated treatise, by Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., sent to any address for ten cents in stamps. It teaches successful self treatment.

15 BAGS BLACK-EYED PEAS for sale by W. A. JOHNSON & CO.,

dec17 1w Corner Cameron and Royal sts.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE. I will be in my store, 324 King street, during the month of December to meet those wishing any information connected with their State or city assessments. Office hours: 2 to 5 o'clock p. m.

nov28 GEO. DUFFEY, Commissioner of the Revenue.

LICENSE NOTICE. All persons doing business for which a license is required, and who have not paid, are requested to call at the Mayor's Office from 12 to 2 o'clock each day from now to December 31st, and settle.

dec5-1d JNO. B. SMOOT, Mayor.

HOLIDAY GOODS,

NEW, USEFUL AND ORNAMENTAL, AT

JOHN P. CLARKE'S,

NO. 612 KING STREET.

FINE OIL PAINTINGS, A LARGE COLLECTION OF FINE ENGRAVINGS, NEW AND BEAUTIFUL STYLES OF FRAMES, BRONZE AND PLUSH MIRRORS, NEW STYLES OF CASES AND CABINETS, TERRA COTTA STATUARY, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S CARDS. dec19 2w

My Birth-day—By Whittier.

[Whittier, the poet, celebrated his 80th birth-day on Saturday. These beautiful lines were written by him on the occasion.]

Beneath the moonlight and the snow
Lies dead my latest year;
The winter winds are wailing low
Its dirges in my ear.
I grieve not with the meaning wind
As if a loss befall;
Before me, even as behind,
God is, and all is well!

Rest for the weary hands is good,
And love for hearts that pine,
But let the manly heart be true,
Of upright soul be mine.
Let words that blow from heaven refresh,
Dear Lord, the languid air;
And let the weakness of the flesh
Try strength of spirit share.
And, if the eye must fail of light,
The ear forget to hear,
Make clearer still the spirit's sight,
More fine the inward ear;
Be near me in mine hours of need
To soothe, or cheer, or warn,
And down these slopes of sunset lead
As up the hills of morn!

Salvation Oil, is what you want. It kills pain and cures the worst case of rheumatism, neuralgia, sore throat, hoarseness, and headache. Take no "just as good." Price twenty-five cents a bottle.

THE FAIRFAX FAMILY.—Col. John W. Fairfax, of Prince William county, Virginia, was in town on Saturday last searching the records in the clerk's office, his object being to trace the genealogy of the Maryland branch of his illustrious family. The Colonel in examining the church records of Durham Parish, found recorded the birth and baptism of several members of this branch of his family, the parents of whom resided at the time in the parish. Col. Fairfax is a younger brother of the Virginia planter, who can at any time cross the ocean and assume the title of Lord Fairfax, and occupy a seat in the House of Lords, in the British Parliament, but being a native born American he prefers the simplicity, and the laws of his native land, to that of law maker for a country for which his only admiration is that it give birth to his ancestors.—Port to bucco, (Ad.) Independent.

Lawyers will gladly learn that Brougham, the great English barrister, was always careful of his throat, and further that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is the best remedy for bronchitis and other throat troubles.

The usual treatment of catarrh is very unsatisfactory, as thousands of despairing patients can testify. On this point a trustworthy medical writer says: "Proper local treatment is positively necessary to success, but many, if not most of the remedies in general use by physicians afford but temporary benefit. A cure certainly cannot be expected from snuffs, powders, douches and washes." Ely's Cream Balm is a remedy which combines the important requisites of quick action, specific curative power with perfect safety and pleasantness to the patient.

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ELY'S CATARRH Cream Balm

Cleanses the Nasal Passages, Alleviates Pain and Inflammation, Heals the Sore, Restores the Sense of Taste and Smell. TRY THE CURE. A particle is applied into each nostril and is agreeable. Price 50 cts. at drug stores; by mail, registered, 60 cts. (Cheques free of cost.) ELY BROS., 235 Greenwich Street, New York.

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Our stock is larger than ever before. We have all the latest novelties in WATCHES, JEWELRY.

SILVERWARE, CLOCKS, etc.

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FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

We have just received through the importers the fullest and most varied assortment of Holiday Goods ever offered in this city, including Haviland's celebrated make of FRENCH CHINA in Fish, Game, Oatmeal, Pudding, Chocolate and Ice Cream Sets, Dinner and Tea Sets, After-dinner Coffee, Single Tea and Monstrous Cups. Also a most complete line of CABINET PIECES, including Abbotsford, Doulton, Bonn, and Royal Worcester, in the very latest styles and decorations. A beautiful line of large and small Vases. We are unable to mention but few of the many beautiful goods we have received in the last few days, so we cordially invite all to call and look at these goods before making their Xmas purchases.

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L. SHUMAN,

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TWO NIGHTS ONLY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, Dec. 21 and 22—The Favorite Little Sourette.

MISS JENNIE CALEY

And her Strong Company of well-known Comedians in the beautiful new Western Comedy Drama,

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Written expressly for Miss Caley by Mrs. Eva East, of Dayton, Ohio. New Songs, Catchy Music, New Dances, Strong Situations. Admission 15, 25 and 35c. Reserved seats 50c. Reserved seats at Summers & Allen's. dec19 4t

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OF THE Amalgamated Associated Combination of Dairy Maids, Milk Skimmers and Cheese Evolvers

(Conducted by the young ladies of Trinity M. E. Church). Will assemble at LANNON'S OPERA HOUSE, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 20, 1887, At eight o'clock.

Recitations, Dairy Songs and Special Drill by twelve of the Dairy Maids, under the command of Lieut. Monroe and Marbury, of the A. L. I. Tickets 25c. Reserved seats 35c. To be had at Summers & Allen's. dec17 1d

FANCY GROCERIES.

RAISINS.

BLACK BASKET CLUSTER, CONNOISSEUR do., IMPERIAL CABINET, FLAT QUARTERS do., LONDON LAYERS, FLAT QUARTERS do., ONDARA LAYERS, MAT SEEDLESS, FANCY SULTANAS.

G. WM. RAMSAY.

Fancy Bordeaux Almonds,

FINE NAPLES WALNUTS,

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Valencia Raisins,

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Currants, 7c.

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Creams of all flavors, Black, Fruit, Pound, Jelly and Fancy, Ornamental and Plain Cakes, are sold cheaper than they can be manufactured at home. Also Cream Puffs, Tarts and Pastry, Candies and Taffy of all kinds. PIE-A-SPECIALTY. Fruits, Nuts, Confectioneries, Caromels and Sngared Fruits. He caters for families, fairs, balls and entertainments and furnishes social parties. nov12 1t

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J. E. TACKETT.

E. C. MARSHALL.

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Will soon be upon us, when we can again indulge in the time-honored custom of giving presents to those we love and esteem, and the people being wise in their generation more than ever, combine the useful with the beautiful in their selections.

There is not the slightest necessity for you to puzzle your brains about what will be an appropriate present for this one and that one; but come see our stock and have the question settled at once.

We can show you an elegant assortment of

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in all shapes, colors and sizes and at all prices, from 5c to \$3 and \$4. Then there are the

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The White and Colored Silk and Cashmere

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are certainly nice for gentlemen, and our stock of them is larger and better selected than ever before.

Umbrellas, with and without Gold and Silver Handles,

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we have enough for all, and some of them are exquisitely beautiful.

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Presents of all Kinds.

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